

Remarks

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 6, 9, 11, 13, 16 and 28 are allowable.

Applicants also note with appreciation that Applicants' amendments have been entered per the Request For Continued Examination (RCE).

Applicants also note with appreciation that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1- 3, 7 – 17 and 28 – 29 as amended are in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the subject matter of allowed claim 6. Claims 4 and 6 have been canceled accordingly. Allowed claims 9, 13, 16 and 28 have been written in independent form. Allowed claim 11 has been amended to be dependent on claim 1. Withdrawn claims 18 – 27 have been canceled. Claim 30 has been canceled.

These amendments are not the addition of new matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully ask that the amendments be entered.

Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments obviate all of the Examiner's rejection.

Claims 1 – 3, 7 – 17 and 28 – 29 now recite allowable subject matter or are dependent on claims that recite allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully ask that the Examiner withdraw all the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 – 3, 7 – 17 and 28 – 29 are in condition for allowance and respectfully ask that the Examiner pass the claims to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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